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## November 12

### Joelle Maryn

Profiled by Tom Lang

CP&BC's November 12th, 2021 in-person speaker is the dynamic Joelle Maryn. Joelle is an actress, speaker, and TV host. With over 20 years of experience in public speaking and performing arts, Joelle shares her message of God's healing love, which has radiated hope and purpose in life to many around the world.



After losing her sister in a house fire as a child, Joelle Maryn experienced spiritual amnesia, losing her identity in the aftermath of the tragedy that shook her family to the core. Joelle went on to find worldly success, modeling for well-known brands such as Jergens, having a billboard in Times Square, appearing in independent films, and hosting ABC-5's "Trend TV." She also developed a luxury line of anti-aging makeup that was featured on NBC and in Vanity Fair. Despite all this, she realized her life was spiritually empty and joyless.

In 2012, Joelle had a miraculous encounter with Jesus and in His mercy, was given another chance to love and lead others to Him. The fire of God illuminated her true identity and enabled her to walk in the newfound power of knowing that she had a deeper purpose.

Joelle now shares her message of healing around the world, empowering others to walk with God to rediscover joy and purpose in their lives. Harnessing the power of media to evangelize, Joelle engages in faith-based, inspirational, and family-friendly films, TV shows, and other on-camera projects to lead others closer to Christ.

Joelle has appeared on several international podcasts, radio, and TV shows, including "Life on The Rock" on EWTN. She is the host of the TV show "Beyond the Vision," which features faith-based films. Joelle also recently produced, co-wrote, and starred in the film "Fully Known," which is about identity in Christ, and is currently nominated for several awards.

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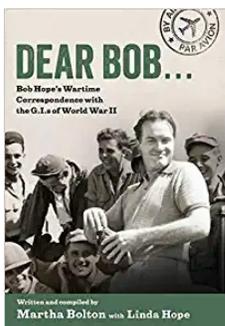


## Book Review

By John Kasaian

**Dear Bob...Bob Hope's Wartime Correspondence with the G.I.s of World War II**

Written and compiled by Martha Bolton with Linda Hope • University Press of Mississippi, Jackson, MS 2021 • 306 pages hardbound



In May 1941, two thousand servicemen crammed into the gymnasium at March Field in Riverside, California. The temperature was 94 degrees – this was before central air conditioning – they were there because Al Capstaff, the Producer for Bob Hope's popular radio show, had talked Bob into broadcasting a show from the March Field gymnasium with Frances Langford, Bing Crosby, Jerry Colonna, the Skinnay Ennis band, and announcer Bill Goodman.

The effect Bob Hope had on that eager, laughter-starved audience in the middle of the desert was thunderous by all accounts, but no less was the effect those two thousand had on Bob Hope.

On December 7th Pearl Harbor was bombed and Bob Hope's destiny as an entertainer of servicemen and women was sealed.

For the rest of WWII Hope and a small but quality troupe of entertainers traveled the world putting on USO shows to lift the morale of the troops. Travel in war zones was hazardous, but crashes and artillery barrages couldn't prevent Hope and his troupe from putting on performances for audiences both large and small, and visiting the wounded in field hospitals.

Bob Hope was popular and received as many as 38,000 pieces of fan mail a week by 1944 from G.I.s who had seen his shows (as many as 58 performances in eight days!).

"Dear Bob" is a collection of these letters, and through them I learned quite a bit about Bob Hope, but far more about the people who wrote those letters – not only of soldiers and the wounded, but of their wives and mothers thanking Bob for the laughter he gave to their husbands and sons who wouldn't return from the war.

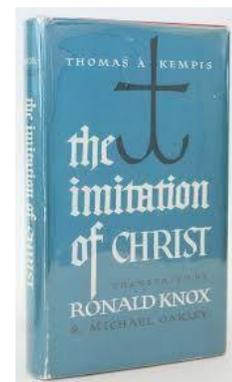
This is a worthwhile book – full of humorous anecdotes as well as heart wrenching emotion

Cotter's should be able to order you a copy.

## Quotations From the Imitation of Christ

**PART II: Continued From October**

By Jim Flanagan



The first part of this series of quotations from "The Imitation of Christ" was in our October 2021 Newsletter. This article continues some brief passages from Book One, Practical advice about the spiritual life.

As a reminder, this is a book written by a West German priest six centuries ago. It remains to be the second widely read spiritual book next to the Bible.

From Chapter 11B about the ambition to do better:

"We hear of Saints who reached the heights, and became great contemplatives; how did they manage it? They made it their business to wean themselves away from all earthly desires; this left them free to cling, with every fiber of their hearts, to God, and attend to the business of their souls." . . . "You must begin by saying No to your inclinations, getting out of bad habits, or they will involve you in worse trouble as time goes on. If you could but realize what a difference it makes, a life well lived, the peace of mind it would bring you, the encouragement it would give others! I can't help thinking you would be more concerned about your progress in the spiritual life."

## Diocesan Event Corner

If your parish or Catholic organization is hosting an event open to all the Diocese of Fresno, we ask for you to notify us no less than five weeks before the event. We will gladly post this in our newsletter mailed to all CP&BC members.

Contact Tim Dodd for more information (559) 860-9198



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## November Prayer St. Dymphna

Lord, our God, you graciously chose St. Dymphna as patroness of those afflicted with mental and nervous disorders. She is thus an inspiration and a symbol of charity to the thousands who ask her intercession.

Please grant, Lord, through the prayers of this pure youthful martyr, relief, and consolation to all suffering such trials, and especially those for whom we pray.

(Mention those for whom you wish to pray).

We beg you, Lord, to hear the prayers of St. Dymphna on our behalf. Grant all those for whom we pray patience in their sufferings and resignation to your divine will. Please fill them with hope, and grant them the relief and cure they so much desire. We ask this through Christ our Lord who suffered agony in the garden. Amen

S. Dymphna is the patron saint of mental illness and anxiety. Her feast day is May 15.

## Speaker Recap: Lisa Smittcamp

By Norma Williams

“Blessings come from living your faith,” asserted Lisa Smittcamp at the October breakfast. Lisa has been Fresno County’s District Attorney since 2015. People often tell her she is being prayed for, and she relates that she feels it. She likens prayer to an iPod one must plug in at night, asking God where he wants you to be, rather than praying for what you think you need.

Lisa reports that being DA has opened her eyes to others’ perspectives. She tries to teach young prosecutors who is redeemable, and that it is OK to show grace even in difficult situations. In correspondence she will often ask, “If you are a person of faith, please pray.” She reports many positive relationships with area pastors. She has lectured at Fresno State for ten years and oversees some mentoring projects through the DA’s office.

As a result of her brother’s problems as a former addict, Lisa says she has become more compassionate. She is anti-marijuana because she has seen how too often it has been a gateway drug. “We need to fight for families and faith,” she asserts, addressing the breakdown of the family, a falling away from traditions, and lack of

structure. Fatherless homes without positive role models have become a tragedy, and there is often a lack of parenting, wanting instead to be a child’s friend, resulting in an entitlement attitude among children who grow up without accountability or responsibility.

Lisa emphasized the local opioid crisis which she states should be everyone’s concern and urges watching the recent Channel 30 documentary, “Killer High: the Silent Crisis,” on the seriousness and high death rate from the drug Fentanyl.

She has been a strong advocate against violence toward women and children, animal cruelty, violent crime, and for veterans’ rehabilitation. Unlike some DAs, she often assigns herself to important cases. Prior to election to her current position, the USC graduate was an assistant DA in Fresno and Madera Counties and spent a year in civil practice. She serves on the boards of several community organizations.



## Business Person of the Month: Julia Fracker

Born to a military family, Julia Fracker, spent her childhood moving around the US. Julia’s father entered the Catholic Church when she was 11, and she followed at 17. She served in the US Navy after high school and later received a degree in Business/Marketing and an MBA. She became a lapsed Catholic after leaving home and rushed into an abusive marriage.

She returned to the Church with a renewed energy through an ACTS retreat in 2007. She ended her abusive relationship and combined her newfound passion for the Faith with her love of learning.

Julia went on to receive an MA in Theology and a Graduate Certificate in Catholic School Administration. She has since worked in full-time ministry, serving in parishes and schools in three dioceses. She currently works in Marketing and Development at St. Anthony Retreat Center and teaches for the Diocesan Lay Formation Institute.

Julia is engaged, lives in Corcoran, and attends Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.



## Upcoming Events

- December 10, 2021
- January No Meeting
- February 11, 2022

## Pope’s Worldwide Prayer November Intention

### People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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**Reservations:** Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings held at Pardini's and can be made by sending an email to [reservations@cpbcfresno.org](mailto:reservations@cpbcfresno.org) or by calling Denise Correia at 559-434-2722 or by visiting the website [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org) then click on reservation link. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program starts at 7:20 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast cost is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. An option to attend via ZOOM is available with a requested link and password for members only. An annual discounted cost of \$135 is available to members that prepay for the year. Prepaid members are also requested to make reservations.

**Membership Directory:** Ad space in the annual 2022 Membership directory starts at \$50. The deadline for advertising reservations and artwork is December 31, 2021 for the 2022 publication. For more directory information, mail [directory@cpbcfresno.org](mailto:directory@cpbcfresno.org) or call Denise Correia at 559-435-2722.

**Prayer Network:** CP&BC has a "prayer network" to be used for member prayer needs for themselves or loved ones. We have members already signed-up to pray for special needs submitted; however, anyone else is invited to also become part of the prayer network. Sally Lauritzen is the point person to whom requests can be made, and once they are received she will email or phone the network. Contact Sally ([salauritz@att.net](mailto:salauritz@att.net) or 559-439-8378) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

**Website:** Please be sure to visit [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org) for all the latest information about our club. CP&BC thanks J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource for the design and maintenance of the website. CP&BC also thanks Uhuru Network, LLC for their design and preparation of the newsletter.

## **Mission Statement:**

As Catholic professional and business men and women, we are called to live our Christian ethics not only on Sundays, but throughout our daily lives at home and at work.

Our goal in the Catholic Professional & Business Club shall be to incorporate and uphold our beliefs in every aspect of our daily lives, and to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a commingling of our ethical obligations and our professional obligations in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.

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